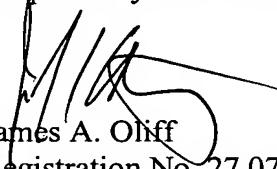


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 - 5, 7 - 9, and 11 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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